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In response to the Office Communication of February 4, 2003 and further to the Amendment and Response of January 15, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 10 and 14, as originally filed, with the following claims having the same numbering:

10. (amended) The method of claim 9 wherein said at least one antibody coated on said solid phase is a monoclonal antibody selected from the group consisting of 107-35-54, 110-81-17, 13-975-157, 14-1350-210, C11-3, C11-7, C11-10 and C11-14.

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